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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 173492 AND 175164

1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES REQUESTED FOR SUBJECT CONGRES-  
SIONAL INQUIRY HOLD TRUE FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, GDR.

#### 4.A. DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSED

- FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978

##### 1. OFFICE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$256,000. \$244,200. \$363,600.

- B. FSO 2 2 2

- C. FSS 2 2 2

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 0 0 0

##### 2. POLITICAL SECTION

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$182,400. \$194,100. \$217,400.

- B. FSO 3 3 3

- C. FSS 2 2 2

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 0 0 4

##### 3. ECONOMIC & COMMERCIAL SECTION

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$87,300. \$99,100. \$140,100.

- B. FSO 1 2 2

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- C. FSS 0 1 1

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 1 1 1

##### 4. CONSULAR SECTION

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$118,500. \$135,600. \$153,200.

- B. FSO 2 2 2

- C. FSS 0 0 0

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 2 2 2

5. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$579,300. \$845,900. \$972,200.

- B. FSO 2 2 2

- B.1. FSO EQUIVALENT 4 5 5

- C. FSS 1 1 1

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 14 18 23

5.1. ADMIN - MARINE SECURITY GUARD

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$33,400. \$38,700. \$43,500.

- B. NUMBER OF MARINES 6 6 6

6. NOT APPLICABLE.

B. OTHER AGENCIES.

7. NOT APPLICABLE.

8. UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

- A. OPERATING COSTS \$122,400. \$221,300. \$191,900.

- B. FSO 1 2 2

- C. FSS 1 1 1

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 1 2 4

9. NOT APPLICABLE.

10. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

- A. OPERATING COST 0 0 UNKNOWN

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- B. FSO 0 0 1

- C. FSS 0 0 1

- D. LOCAL EMPLOYEES 0 0 1

11. NOT APPLICABLE.

12. NOT APPLICABLE.

13. THE ONLY UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN EAST GERMANY IS THE CHANCERY SITE WHICH WAS PURCHASED PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT 2 PARISER PLATZ, BERLIN-MITTE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE BRANDENBURG GATE. IT WAS PURCHASED IN 1928 WITH A BUILDING KNOWN AS THE BLUECHER PALAIS FOR \$1,700,000. THE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE WAR IN 1945 BY ARTILLERY FIRE. TOTAL GROUND AREA IS 66,736.80 SQ.FT. AS THE PROPERTY IS NOT ONLY ADJACENT TO THE BRANDENBURG GATE BUT ALSO TO THE BERLIN WALL, AND IS IN THE RUSSIAN SECTOR OF BERLIN, IT HAS NO REAL MARKET VALUE. IN 1957, THE SITE WAS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$450,000.

14. THERE IS NO IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN EAST GERMANY.

15. REAL PROPERTY LEASED 3 YEARS OR MORE. "PLEASE READ IN COLUMNS LEFT TO RIGHT AS" ITEM/ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION/USE/ AMOUNTS/ SQ.FT. GROSS/AMOUNT SQ.FT. NET/LENGTH OF LEASE.

A. 1/PFEILSTRASSE 14A/HOUSE/RESIDENCE/8,878/2,236/3 YEARS.  
2/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 4.6/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/3 YEARS.

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3/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 5.5/4 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1000/800/3 YEARS.

4/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 6.5/4 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1000/800/3 YEARS.

5/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 7.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/3 YEARS.

6/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 8.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/3 YEARS.

7/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 9.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/3 YEARS.

8/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 10.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/3 YEARS.

9/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 65 12.6/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/3 YEARS.

B. (PLEASE READ IN COLUMNS LEFT TO RIGHT) ITEM/ANNUAL  
COST/ANNUAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES/OCCUPANT AGENCY/OCCUPANT  
POSITION/OCCUPANT GRADE/OCCUPANT CHARGE AND FEES.

1/\$19,901.12/\$3,000./STATE/CONSUL/FSO-4/0.

2/\$5,086.96/\$600./USIS/SECRETARY/FSS-5/0.

3/\$6,293.48/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-6/0.

4/\$6,293.48/\$600./STATE/POLITICAL/FSO-5/0.

5/\$10,558.68/\$700./STATE/ADMIN/FSO-4/0.

6/\$10,558.68/\$700./STATE/ECON/FSO-7/0.  
7/\$10,558.68/\$700./USIS/APAO/FSIO-6/0.  
8/\$10,558.68/\$700./STATE/COMMUNICATIONS/FSR-7/0.  
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9/\$5,086.96/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-8/0.

16. REAL PROPERTY LEASED LESS THAN 3 YEARS. (PLEASE READ  
IN COLUMNS LEFT TO RIGHT) ITEM/ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION/USE/  
AMOUNT SQ.FT. GROSS/AMOUNT SQ.FT. NET/ LENGTH OF LEASE.

A. 1/NORDENDSTRASSE 14-17/AMB. RESIDENCE/LIVING QUARTERS  
AND REPRESENTATION/116,277/5906/18 MONTHS.  
2/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 66 6.5/4 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1000/800/34 MONTHS.  
3/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 66 9.L/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/34 MONTHS.  
4/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 66 9.4/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/34 MONTHS.  
5/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 66 9.6/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/34 MONTHS.  
6/WILHELM WOLF STRASSE 39/HOUSE/RESIDENCE/12,744/1819/  
25 MONTHS.  
7/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 60 9.3/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/2 YEARS.  
8/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 609.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/2 YEARS.  
9/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 60 12.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1400/1200/2 YEARS.  
10/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 60 12.5/3 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
800/600/2 YEARS.  
11/EISENBLAETTER STRASSE 15/HOUSE/RESIDENCE/16,510/2172/  
23 MONTHS.  
12/PLATANENSTRASSE 93/HOUSE/RESIDENCE/11,406/2386/23 MONTHS.  
13/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 60 12.6/4 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1000/800/17 MONTHS.  
14/NEUSTAEDTISCHE KIRCHSTRASSE 4-5/EMBASSY CHANCERY BUILD-  
ING/71,166/38,445/9 MONTHS.  
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15/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 63 8.3/4 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1150/950/2 MONTHS.  
16/LEIPZIGER STRASSE 63 8.1/6 ROOM APT./LIVING QUARTERS/  
1450/1250/2 MONTHS.  
17/PLATANENSTRASSE 98/HOUSE/RESIDENCE/17,997/2172/13 MONTHS.

B. (PLEASE READ IN COLUMNS LEFT TO RIGHT) ITEM/ANNUAL  
COST/ANNUAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES/OCCUPANT AGENCY/OCCUPANT  
POSITION/OCCUPANT GRADE/OCCUPANT CHARGE FEES.

1/\$69,813.92/\$14,000./STATE/AMBASSADOR/FSO-1/\$1,800.  
2/\$6,293.48/\$600./STATE/SECURITY/FSR-5/0.  
3/\$10,558.68/\$700./STATE/GSO/FSO-7/0.  
4/\$5,086.96/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-8/0.  
5/\$5,086.96/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-6/0.  
6/\$19,667.28/\$6,000./STATE/ECON/FSO-4/0.  
7/\$5,086.96/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-8/0.  
8/\$10,493.48/\$700./STATE/CONS/FSO-5/0.  
9/\$10,493.48/\$700./STATE/POL/FSR-5/0.  
10/\$5,086.96/\$600./STATE/SECRETARY/FSS-6/0.  
11/\$25,163.64/\$6,000./STATE/POL/FSO-4/0.  
12/\$23,250.84/\$6,000./STATE/DCM/FSO-2/0.  
13/\$6,371.72/\$600./STATE/B&F/FSS-2/0.  
14/\$400,484.46/-/STATE/EMBASSY CHANCERY/0.  
15/\$7,173.00/\$600./STATE/COMMUNICATIONS/FSR-8/0.  
16/\$12,665.20/\$700./STATE/GSO/FSS-3/0.  
17/\$25,023.04/\$7,000./USIS/PAO/FSIO-1/0.

17. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

- MAINTENANCE: \$11,883.96.

18. THE EMBASSY HAS UNDER U.S. GOVERNMENT LEASE 6 RESI-

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DENCES, THE CHANCERY WHICH CONTAINS 2 APARTMENT UNITS AND  
19 OTHER APARTMENT UNITS.

19. ALL EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED WITH GOVERNMENT LEASED  
HOUSING.

20. NO EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AN OFFICIAL RESIDENCE ALLOWANCE. OFFICIAL RESIDENCE EXPENSES ARE PAID FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION. IN FY-1976, OFFICIAL RESIDENCE EXPENSES WERE PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,958.38 FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION RESIDENCE AND \$3,498.22 FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION RESIDENCE.

21. UTILITIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE WHICH IS PAYABLE BY THE EMPLOYEE, ARE INCLUDED IN THE TERMS OF THE LEASE OR PAID FOR BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FURNITURE AND MAJOR APPLIANCES ARE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. MAINTENANCE IS PROVIDED BY THE LESSOR AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

22. THE QUESTION IS NOT APPLICABLE AS ALL EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE AND RECEIVE U.S. GOVERNMENT LEASED HOUSING. EXISTING LOCAL LAWS WILL NOT PERMIT FOREIGNERS TO ENTER INTO PRIVATE LEASES WITH CITIZENS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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23. MAN YEARS DEVOTED ANNUALLY TO HOUSING MANAGEMENT - 1/4 YEAR.

- MAN YEARS DEVOTED ANNUALLY TO HOUSING MAINTENANCE - 2 YEARS.

24. ALL HOUSING SHOULD BE U.S. GOVERNMENT LEASED AND PROVIDED WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND MAJOR APPLIANCES. LOCAL STAFF SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED IN POST COMPLEMENT IN SUFFICIENT NUMBER TO PROVIDE ALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, BUT THIS AUTHORIZED NUMBER WOULD DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS OWNED OR LEASED.

25. LOCAL HOUSING CUSTOMS AND LAWS ARE SUCH THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THE RENTS THAT ARE CHARGED ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE LESSOR (HOST GOVERNMENT) WOULD CHARGE ITS OWN NATIONALS FOR A COMPARABLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION.

26. NO, UNDER EXISTING GDR LAWS, FREE HOLD PURCHASES CANNOT BE MADE. STRUCTURES MAY BE PURCHASED BUT THIS SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS A LONG TERM LEASE SINCE THE LAND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SALE AND FOR WHICH ONE MUST CONTINUE TO PAY ANNUAL RENTAL COSTS.

27. A. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNS 4 AUTOMOBILES, 1 STATION

WAGON, 3 CARRYALLS AND 1 DELIVERY VAN.

- B. NONE.

28. DIPLOMATIC STATUS IS PROVIDED TO ALL FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, ALL STAFF OFFICERS HAVING EQUIVALENT GRADES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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FSOS, AND TO ALL SUPPORT STAFF. JOB TITLES INCLUDE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, CONSULAR, ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL, GENERAL SERVICES, SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS. DIPLOMATIC STATUS IS ALSO PROVIDED TO SECRETARIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT STAFF. GRADES OF OFFICERS AND SUPPORT STAFF DOES NOT ENTER INTO THIS AS THESE PRIVILEGES ARE GRANTED TO ALL EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

29. THIS DOES NOT APPLY. AS EXPLAINED IN QUESTION 28, ALL EMPLOYEES ARE GRANTED DIPLOMATIC STATUS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THAT SUPPORT STAFF WHO DO NOT HAVE A DIPLOMATIC TITLE, I.E. SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICES, A CONSULAR OR ATTACHE TITLE, WILL NOT BE LISTED IN THE DIPLOMATIC LIST ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

30. AGAIN, THIS QUESTION WOULD NOT APPLY TO EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

31. AMBASSADOR, FSO-1, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THIS MONTH, WILL BE PROVIDED A HOUSEHOLD STAFF OF SIX. ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST IS \$40,000. DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, FSO-2, IS PROVIDED HOUSEHOLD STAFF OF TWO AT ANNUAL COST OF \$12,400.

32. BANK ACCOUNT WITH THE DEUTSCHE AUSSENHANDELSBANK AKTIENGESSELLSCHAFT LOCATED IN EAST BERLIN IS HELD IN NAME OF U.S. DISBURSING OFFICER, REGIONAL FINANCE CENTER, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS. THE ACCOUNT IS MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO MAKE CHECK PAYMENTS IN SETTLEMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN GDR CURRENCY. BALANCE AS OF 6/30/77 WAS MARKS 51,636.89, EQUIVALENT TO \$21,515.37.

2. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF OPERATING COSTS, INCLUDING

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ALL RENTS AND UTILITIES, ARE INCURRED IN GDR CURRENCY. THE  
EXCHANGE RATE AT THE BEGINNING OF FY-1977 WAS GDR MARKS  
2.50 TO \$1.00. SEVERAL EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES HAVE  
OCCURRED AND THE CURRENT RATE IS 2.30 TO \$1. IT IS ESTI-  
MATED THAT INCREASED COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THESE EXCHANGE  
RATE CHANGES WILL TOTAL \$71,000., 4 PERCENT OF FY-1977  
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